ELECTRICAL

MORE GENERAL AND CHEAPER.

Telegraphy, Which Has Stood Still, May Be Developed So that It Will Be Used as Freely as the Mails.

New York Letter in Philadelphia Press. Thomas F. Clark, of this city, who is vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, is of the opinion that the rates charged for telegraph dispatches are as reasonable as is consistent with good business management. He made that statement, as reported, to the industrial commission, which seems to be anxious to discover from his testimony something about the feasibility or expediency of government the United States and Europe have agreed awaership and operation of the telegraph systems of the United States. At about the time yesterday that Mr. Clark was givthe his testimony Marconi was saying in this city for publication that his investigations had convinced him that there was nothing impracticable or impossible in the idea of electric communications between the United States and Europe by natural circuit, that is to say, without wires.

Coincidently, too, with Mr. Clark's testimony, comes the announcement that the corporation of which Mr. George Westinghouse is president has decided to issue \$3,-(90.900 of the new stock recently authorized and explains this increase of capital by saying that the great development in the use of electrical machinery of all kinds justifles the belief that the facilities of the Westinghouse Company, great as they are, are nevertheless insufficient to meet the prospective demands, and, therefore, new capital is needed so that these facilities may be increased as rapidly as circumstances warrant. A hasty, but, as far as it goes, correct analysis of the values of securities listed in our Stock Exchange shows that the average market price to-day for points below these figures.

This is a feature of recent industrial and which seems plausible and is not as yet pronounced by any one who has informa-Mr. Westinghouse and the great corpora-

ly to the general wealth of the country.

Mr. Edison's electric light inventions have probably increased the wealth of the world, directly and indirectly, as much as a thousand millions, and yet this wealth did not too, when the shares of the Western Union corporation were selling approximately for what they fetch to-day. The atus represents an increase in the wealth mony says that there has been reduction poration known as the Western Union. reached apparently when Morse perfected

FUTURE OF THE TELEPHONE.

employed by the telephone corporations are and ultimately probably a universal outin Connecticut has perfected an apparatus automatic contrivances, through the frequency of stations and through the cheapness of the price for a message, as well as the prepayment of the charges, to make ultimately our telephoning almost as cheap

year or two ago told the writer that more than a nickel, and in doing that open the circuit, call up the person with whom desired to carry on his conversation, and is a device in some respects like that of inventor claims to have perfected. There it is said, no mechanical, although there may be some political, difficulties in the way just now of perfecting an apparatus of this kind. A municipality might not feel disposed to permit the setting up way systems makes the objection to that outdoor use of the telephone through the prepayment, say, of a nickel, perhaps ultimately a smaller sum than that, the system would discover a vast field of business and a most profitable one as well.

TELEGRAPH LIMITATIONS. unable to devise any automatic apparatus that will to any considerable extent lessan the cost of handling telegraph messages. Yet, as an abstract proposition, there seems the letters which the government enjoys bones of the lower animals in the manuthe monopoly of receiving and delivering. facture of bone black, which is used in stewed mushrooms, and so on Some years ago, when Jay Gould was ques- thorough investigation he is satisfied and always hot (the Chinese eschew all ing a letter, the number of messages would black, while those of the human being a letter, the number of messages would burn white, and should any white flakes from those of expediency, for tipsiness is in love with this person and betray her the number of letters handled in a year by the government, and his reply was that undoubtedly the number of messages would be increased, but that they would simply a merica, where for many years cattle were swallowing as penalty a cun of wine.

PROGRESS | considerably to increase the facilities for telegraphing, and this apparatus was sold for a very large sum to the telephone people. So far as telegraphing is concerned, the apparatus is of no special TELEPHONE SERVICE LIKELY TO BE expected that it will increase the efficiency of the ocean cable by from 25 per cent. to 40 per cent., perhaps even more. If it does that it ought to lead to a large increase in New York Tribune.

submarine telegraphing, and that should be followed by a reduction of the cost. Marconi as an expert is probably regard-Tesla, although the United States courts here have recently proclaimed Tesla as one of the great benefactors of the day, paratus has made it possible not only to harness and control Niagara and other formed energy many miles away. in the view that the time is near at hand

Marconi and Tesla, however, are agreed when the present method of telegraphing will be abandoned and when messages will the situation of Irkutsk. be conveyed by means of natural circuit from any place to any other place in the world. Marconi comes to establish his system at various points along our coast. so that communication can be had between the shore and vessels at any distance Siberia, and the necessity for taking the When the giver of the feast leaves the within 200 miles out at sea. Some of the railway through it was imperative. Hence to utilize this apparatus, although the difficulties were met. The adjacent region described, for a dozen people, would cost isfactory tests, it has been proven to be all that Marconi claims for it. He certainly loop can be constructed. This kind of does not expect at present to do what Tesla claims to be possible, and not only | temporary expedient, therefore, it was depossible, but which will be, he says, actually consummated in the course of a few trains across. The line has been com

MARCONI'S IDEAS.

Marconi does not expect to supplant the land telegraph. The understanding here is Lake Baikal, which at this point is somethat his system, if it comes into general use, will be utilized upon the land in places where the permanent telegraph does not exist. His present idea is to develop it to its highest perfection, so that it may come into universal use between land and ships | The place where the Transsiberian route at sea or between ship and ship at sea. He mental law which Tesla claims to have dis- New York city. Lake Baikal is frozen covered, or, at least, applied to his apparatus. The two ideas are alike only in the one fact that they make use of natural circuits for the communication of energy bearing intelligent signals between two appara-

In view of the incredulity which has followed many of Tesla's announcements it is regarded as highly significant that Marconi igan, across the Strait of Mackinaw, occaband unreservedly as he has done that Mr. Tesla's announcements are of the highest of Tesla's announcements are of the highest interest, and that there is nothing which likely as he has done that Mr. winter time; but it would not be equal to shows himself both brave and himself complished in due time, and Marconi adds to that statement this most significant announcement: "The possibility offered by the utilization of natural circuits, so-called, for the transmission of intelligence are practi-

trolled electrical telegraping; and it may in the winter of 1898-99. On entering the ful as the fact that the lost legs very in the city at present, he said, is the prodevelopment and extension of the tele- feet thick, but afterward penetrated pack small circuits, as within the boundaries of | in thickness. Well, the Baikal, the Transa city or its suburbs, there may come an- siberian ferryboat, is said to be larger and be sharing in any measurable extent in the trically carried messages which the old deal of ice. telegraph corporations have not been able | These Makaroff boats do not rely solely

of capital nor of the most alluring pe- struction. Its stem has a long overhang, fice has done, but the increase has not been seemed to keep pace in electrical tele- grees from a horizontal. This gentle slope which may be plundered by men to feed of such an encouraging character evidently graping with invention in all the other enables the forward part of the boat to investments in these telegraphic securities. | fact, in all fields. Therefore, it is to be pre- | firm, and bring the weight of the vessel sumed that those are correct who say that | into play. The downward pressure thus excommercial conditions which has occasioned | Morse practically reached the highest de- | erted is tremendous. About twenty-five feet a great deal of comment, and it is only | velopment in telegraphing, although, of | back of the extremity of the prow the boat | intelligence, as for instance when they spin | next corner and sprinted back to the ofrecently that an explanation has been given | course, his apparatus was supplemented | has one propeller. There are two others | loose threads so deftly and with such nice | fice at the top of my speed. I dashed up somewhat by the discovery that it was astern of the Baikal. The Ermack has calculation of wind force that the loose more messages through a wire in either | would often mount the ice for a sufficient | spot, often a couple of yards away, and | When the city editor glanced over the first | direction. That, however, increased the th which Mr. Morgan is identified efficiency of the wire only four or five contact with it. Still, the propeller is tion. It is thus the fairy cables which net have discovered enormous development in times, whereas the possibilities in the de- strongly protected. The object of this trees and boughs, and stretch across all on record! he exclaimed; 'I never knew inventions of electric apparatus, which is mands of business, of friendship, of society mechanism is not to propel the boat, but being speedily capitalized and adding great- are such that were the wires equal to it to suck out the water from under the ice invisible, save where the full sun glints and the price not practically almost prohibitive, the wires would be used to fully port, the crust yields more readily to the strings them with dew drops. None tre as great an extent as are the mails.

THE MAKING OF COKE.

Originally Discoverd and Brought Into Use in Iron Manufacture.

of and to what uses it is put. Coke is coal | mack's engines were capable of developing is left being almost wholly fixed carbon. Baikal probably exceed this figure maof the United States alone of several hun- To reduce coal to coke, the coal is put into | terially. The displacement of the latter, especially constructed ovens and allowed | without her load, was to be four thousand ose who have given some thought to to burn for about thirty-six hours. Only tons. The Ermack's stern was so shaped as made no progress so far as the use of elec- | keep the fire going, and this air is only al- | which might volunteer as a pusher. Obvilowed to pass over the surface of the coal. ously, the way being once opened by the gence is concerned, excepting in the field At the end of thirty-six hours the volatile | ice-breaker, another steam vessel could of the telephone. Mr. Clark in his testi- matter in the coal will have been con- easily serve in this manner. But no account sumed and the residuum is called coke. It of the Baikal intimates that such a plan is is gray in color and is punctured with air- | contemplated in connection with the fiholes. Coke is frequently manufactured berian ferry service. as a by product, and a great saving is vention so far as telegraphing is concerned. | manufacture of gas, where the heat obcient for the purposes needed. The fur- A Foreigner's Entertainment at matter will be consumed. The Boston & aided by science in such a manner as to Maine Railroad uses on its locomotives the make it possible to increase its business | coke which the gas company thus obtains and, therefore, greatly reduce the cost of as a by-product. Coke was originally discovered and brought into use in the manufacture of iron. To manufacture iron what being a sort of hot fruit puff (which each meet and cross, she either builds herself a narrative. I think I see through it, genis known as a welding heat must be ob- orders for himself)—and sipping tea. Melon snug station, or after everything is done tlemen, said he. 'My residence was bur-On the other hand, many of the experts tained. When you go into a blacksmith's seeds and salted almonds are also in de- cuts away the tangle and leaves a small glarized last night, and the er-person this heating the iron upon which he is at work plunges it into the deep, red bed of coals, prough which the artificial blast, produced by the bellows, rushes. He gets his welding heat in this lower, deeper colored name. He could not obtain it in the flame above. When a welding heat was needed originally in the manufacture of fron char-

'But charcoal, while effective, was very matter, was discovered iron manufacturers eagerly substituted it for charcoal, and proportionately increasing its use. But had a mighty drawback. It was not porous, and it was difficult to force a blast through In the manufacture of iron wind is cult to force the blast through, and interto its use. Then some one discovered coke. which answered all requirements. It was cheap. It gave a welding heat. And, best of all, being porous, it gave free ingress and egress to the vitally necessary blast. Some coal is of so poor a character that you cannot get a welding heat from it, try as you may. For example, at the blacksmith shops in the coal mines in Colorado they have to use coal brought from Eastern mines to get a welding neat, it be Colorado coal. This country is blessed with an enormous supply of coal, distributed over a diverse area. Some of it, however, is of inferior grade. Yet the cost of transportation causes it to be mined. For instance, in Kansas they are going down 400 feet to obtain coal that runs but eighteen inches in the vein. They have to do it, however, as it is the only coal they have. Coal is one of the most valuable natural resources of wealth of which mother nature has so bountifully and generous ly blessed us. It will be an increasing source of revenue, for the shortage in Europe can have no other effect than to broaden the markets for American coal and coke, which will at the same time command better and constantly increasing

Bone Lore.

Philadelphia Record. f mind was informed recently that human bones sometimes found place with with those already selected. One names a cause of sentiment alone, but owing to the | do not as a rule inebriate. Intoxication is fact that bones of the lower animals burn extremely rare, though not apparently hair and wore glasses.

THE BAIKAL FERRYBOAT.

The Most Powerful Ice Breaker Ever Constructed.

way's managers have been carried into efed just now as a higher authority than feet the most remarkable ferryboat in the is handed round for the guests to succeson Lake Baikal. This sheet of water is alworthy to rank with those who have done | most four hundred miles long, and extends the most important things, since his ap- in a nearly north and south direction before alluded to. He is succeeded by a across the route of Asia's great transwater powers, but to deliver their trans- centinental highway. Its width varies to clean the palate. (In home dinners ric task to evade this obstacle were it not for of tea, and the feast is over.

That city is near the west shore of Lake | Baikal, seventy-five or one hundred miles It is the largest center of population in all eructations. sary before the proposed two-hundred-mile | small, more than fifty dishes. work costs time as well as money. As a cided to establish a ferry to carry railway pleted from European Russia to Irkutsk and a considerable distance beyond. But through traffic would be impossible were not some such provision made for crossing thing like twenty or thirty miles wide. Railroad ferries are no novelty, at least

in America. Boats to carry railway trains across a river or lake have long been in service in this country. Lake Baikal, however, is very much further north than any part of the United States except Alaska. crosses it is fully 5 degrees of latitude, or of Mackinaw, and 700 miles nearer than over for five months in the year. It closes about the middle of December, and generally opens in May. If the line is kept open during the winter, therefore, the ferryboat must be an ice breaker, and it must be capable of performing that function in a fashion unknown in the United States. The ferryboat which maintains connection between Upper and Lower Mich-

electricity, which seems to have been smaller ice breakers. The Ermack made leg, two legs even, cheerfully in its dealso that through the expected great Baltic she passed through drift ice five

> on engine power to force their way through distance to bring the forward screw in there anchor themselves of their own moto suck out the water from under the ice invisible, save where the full sun glints style! Are you sure you are quoting him immediately in front. Deprived of its sup- upon them, or else when a misty morning correctly? 'Dead certain,' I replied; 'I was pieces for shipment, and put together on | genius to match her engineering skill. arrival at her destination. There are three lines of rails along her deck, the central across it a strong thread. She is not parone for passenger trains and the other two | ticular about having this first thread very tion of her route, she is expected to cover

DINING OUT IN CHINA.

Chinese Restaurant.

Blackwood's Magazine.

dinner the guests (only male, of course) sit or stroll about, eating cakes-a favorite | ply. At the middle where the ray threads mand for desultory nibbling.

go up higher," promotes him.

with an imposing show; a regulation number of regulation dishes, marshaled in regwith slices of oranges, pears or cold goose; flies again. So she takes no chances. Nimyears in lime, and served, sliced, in beds of | and fastens it. wine, of various brands and vintages, is thread at the parlor, loops it around the drunk is a kind of sack or sherry negus-a | as tight as she can. Sometimes she moves vellow wine distilled from Indian corn. Be- her prey a whole half inch with one thread. ng comparatively mild, it is served in The next thing is to cut away all the outer small cups; ardent white spirits of rice- threads that hold him. This she does samshu-in thimblefuls. "Rose" wine is quickly then spins a new cable from the one of several varities, flavored with roses. (No wine is made from grapes, though they are plentiful in north China.) When all are seated ready for the fray the host raises his cup: "Let us drink!"

We reply, "Thanks, thanks!" then set to-with chopsticks; picking now from one dish, now from another, in piquant contrast of sweet, sour and salt. The first fury of the opening attack being spent, the shattered bands of hors d'oeuvres are withdrawn, and the guests saunter into the other rooms for a whiff of tobacco or-whisper it not in Gath-a pipe of oplum, en attendant the real re-

Certain traditional dishes form the backbone of the feast. For instance, that most delicious of bouillis, shark's fin soup, always opens the bail. It is served in large bowl, smoking hot, and consists of a glutinous entanglement of soft fins stewed in their own liquor. The flavor is slightly salt, but exquisite. Another traditional dish appears toward the close of the feast, in the shape of a fat duck reposing in its broth. Though boiled so thoroughly that a touch from a chopstick dissolves it without aid of knife, the bird appears on the table with smooth white breast and limbs intact, and its nobly toothsome appearance is usually greeted with a bazz of anticipatory applause. The remaining items of the menu are

only curious from the mode of their selection, for each guest chooses his own dish, taking care that it shall harmonize salmi of wild duck, his neighbor a dish of Wine, as remarked, is drunk throughout, from moral considerations so much as

gers he shows four, and calls "Seven! While B, expecting him to show two, himself shows one, and vociferates "Three!

This simple game is immensely popular throughout the eighteen provinces. Dishes are not, as a rule, cleared away during meals, so that toward the close of dinner the table is slopped and strewn with debris, a veritable field of carnage. From If the plans of the Transsiberian Rail- | time to time the convives retire to smoke and occasionally a refresher in the shape of a coarse towel wrung out of hot water world was put into service a few days ago | sively wipe their steaming faces with-an agreeable process that has been imitated in he luxurious toilet rooms of the States The apotheosis of the dinner is the duck few sweet dishes. Finally comes a bowl or two of white boiled rice or millet porridgetwenty to seventy-five miles. It would have is the chief item; in restaurant dinners it been a comparatively easy engineering is rigidly excluded until the finale.) Rincepouches of warm water follow; then a cup The guests shortly afterward disperse

the host apologizing for the wretched dinher he has dared to set before them, the guests politely protesting-emphasizing magine my eagerness and enthusiasm from the southern extremity of the latter. | their sincerity and repletion by volleys of

restaurant the amount of the bills is, in his ocean steamship companies plying between it was seen that a detour must be made honor, shrieked from court to court, as to circumvent the lake. But here fresh far as the street door. A dinner such as agreement is probably temporary and is is mountainous and no end of open cuts. about thirty shillings, would last three not to be made permanent until, after sat- tunnels and embankments will be neces- hours or so, and would include, great and

THE SPIDER'S WEB.

Almost Human Intelligence Shown in Solving Engineering Problems.

New York Sun. The spider is the original telegraph lineman. Indeed, he is something more. After his lines are stretched, he estabthat prey is entangled anyhere in his web. 50 miles, nearer the pole than the Strait | Once at central he listens a minute, then | peared on the threshold. He had on his hat having gathered the direction, glides away to weave still further netting of sliken

has fallen into his clutches. "He" would more properly be written ____, I replied, and I presume you are Mr. Thompson. I am, he said curtly, and I "He" would more properly be written female spider is ever so much bigger, more powerful and more resourceful than | briefly the nature of my errand. 'H-m-m-m,' Sault Ste. Marie is regarded as a wonder. | self a most heartless parent, seizing upon | to propose it,' he replied. 'My wife is sick | Its best work is forcing its way through the clutch of eggs as soon as laid and detwo and a half or three feet of ice, but it | vouring them pefore the eyes of the agon- | fact, I was on the point of going out for a "can't hold a candle" to the latest Rus- | ized mother. Thus it is that the mother | short walk and some fresh air when you spider keeps a death grip upon her bag | came In order to keep the Gulf of Finland and of eggs It is the daintiest fairy silken other parts of the Baltic sea open to com- pocket, varying in shape and size accordmerce in winter the Russian government ing to species, but always exceedingly Therefore, it may be that through sys- had a boat built at an English yard about | handsome and well spun. At the first hint perfected by Marconi, Tesla or two years ago. This was designed by Vice of attack the mother seizes it and hurries others, we are to have the new develop- Admiral Makaroff, and was largely the away, often spinning a thread as she goes ment in the transmission of intelligence outcome of many years of experience with in the effort to escape. She will lose a

quickly grow again. The name spider runs back to the Saxon phone, especially within comparatively ice ranging from twenty to twenty-five feet | spinan, to spin, also the root of that austere word spinster. The Dutch name for the insect is cop, or cob, a head, hence cobweb, dence in town from being looted. If the head or cobwoven, is lingually allied to the so-famous Spion-Kop. But cobweb is by no means so expressive as gossamer or

In substance spider web is nearly identifar too wise to reel it up into cocoons the desire of the eyes and the pride of life. workers, indeed, deserve high rank as civil my 'copy.' I thanked him heartily for the less they hold firm, and serve as aerial route from the yards of Sir William Arm- to and fro, safely and swift. Or else itor, grinning. 'We'll double-lead this! I they serve as guys to brace the main web. to Lake Balkal, the ferryboat was taken to In spinning the spider shows architectural

First she surveys a site, then stretches for freight. Owing to the diagonal direc- taut-all that can be managed later. She spins another thread from the end of this goes to a third anchorage, a fourth, even a

side to side, with a thread trailing behind Before she weaves the rays together with crossing threads, she must know that both | the outside fold. 'That is no fake!' I re they and the anchor threads are depend- | torted indignantly; 'Mr. Thompson said able. So she runs about, s.retching, straineither takes it up by splicing a new thread he never saw you in his life!' I stared next the center, and fastening it outside, helplessly at the group, and a solemn-lookor by attaching light weights, pebbles, bits | ing gentleman stepped forward. 'One mo of suck and so on to the web's lower edge. Now begins the last work-running round and round. The crossing threads are spun double-first very fine, then with a coarser clear space. This is the parlor into which Though the question of precedence is, of | habitually sit in it. Instead she lurks out | blandly. It was some time before I got course, all cut and dried beforehand, each of sight, ambushed at the foot of a ray another job," said the newspaper man in man must be polite enough to simulate an | thread. When vibrations tell of prey she | conclusion; "in fact, I'm on the black list | irrevocable resolve not to accept any but seeks the parlor, locates the disturbance of that particular office to this day." the lowest place until the host's "Friend, and straightway goes to see about it. A The table, as mentioned, is ready laid ble bee, left to himself will soon break out of her flimsy toils, though he may so enulation order; quaint porcelain stands filled | tangle his wings in doing it that he never towers of purple quince jelly squares, bly she runs down the nearest ray thread, spinning as she runs. When she is a litof shrimps, salted in their skins; and, never | the beyond her victim she dexterously loops

parlor. Thus spinning and cutting, unless brings it at last to the parlor, or very close about it, and there sucks its juices in leismoved, she gnaws off a leg at a time, sucks them, and after a while attacks the

Queer Series of Accidents.

Philadelphia Record. A singular fatality pursued three brothers who attended a wedding party in Roxborough during the late cold snap. The eldest, while going up the front steps, slipped and struck his mouth on the sharp edge of the stone steps, and knocked out three of his front teeth. The youngest brother, just before the bridal party left the house. ran around to the oack gate with other gay sprits for the purpose of decorating the failing to see a bar across the gate, ran violently against it and was thrown back, with his elbow and loosening three of his front teeth. The youngest brother, though he escaped injury that night, while walking on the street the next day, was injured by an umbrella which a man in front of him carried under his arm and suddenly shoved back against an eye tooth, which snapped off. Before this coincidence none of the brothers had ever indulged in profanity.

Convention.

Detroit Journal. The beautiful Lib Teters, daughter of Jim father's secret to him. "Marry, an ill-favored mug, this!" she

undoubtedly the number of messages would be increased, but that they would simply swamp the telegraph company's offices and could not be handled.

The invention which Professor Pupin has recently sold to the telephone people is believed here to be the only apparatus devised for many years that promises

In large cargoes of bones from South America, where for many years cattle were skallowing as penalty a cup of wine. Two men play at a time. They show suddenly and simultaneously a certain number of the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention like them forth he shouts or squeals the number of the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton that convention the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand, and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand and as each three skeleton, but in sorting them in the fingers of one hand and as each three skeleton. But where skeleton in the fingers of one hand and as each three

HE GOT THE INTERVIEW.

But Next Day the Prominent Citizen Flatly Disowned It.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. While chatting about the oddities of reportorial life a Philadelphia newspaper man, who spent a day in the city this week, told a queer story of a midnight interview. "It occurred years ago," he said, "when I was holding down my first regular job on the local staff. Like all cubs I had been told at the outset to simply hang around the office within call of the city editor, if he should happen to need me; but, not understanding the necessity of having a reserve of that kind, I chafed terribly under the inaction and thought vaguely that I must be in disgrace of some sort. So you when I was called over to the desk one night and told hurriedly to go out and get an interview with a prominent lawyer who was leading a citizens' anti-vice crusade that had recently been started among the chronic reformers. This lawyer-call him Thompson for convenience-was understood to be planning a bitter attack on the police, and the tip had just come in that he intended to open fire next day. It's now nearly midnight,' said the city editor, 'and he's probably been in bed for hours; but I'll depend on you to rout him out and get some kind of a talk. For heaven's sake don't let him stand you off!' 'I'll get him, sir,' I replied fervently, 'if I have to drag him out by the feet.' I realized pretty fully what the interview meant, not only to the paper but to my own future prospects, and as I hurried toward the residential section I determined to make Thompson talk or perish in the attempt. I found his house without much difficulty-it was a dark, gloomy-looking mansion in a quiet side street-and was about to pull the bell when the door opened suddenly and a man apand overcoat, and, while I had naver met the lawyer, his general appearance was about what I had expected. We both web about the luckless wasp or fly that | started back in surprise, but he was the first to recover himself. What do you want?' he asked. 'I am a reporter for the ask you again what you want.' That was a bad beginning, and I hastened to tell him

> "I was overjoyed at this lucky turn of slaught on the police force. He was brusque and reticent at first, but presently he warmed to the subject and began to tak in a way that promised a rattling good tection given to lawbreakers at so much have to look out for themselves. It is mere chance and luck that keeps my resipolice made a determined effort to stop burglaries they would shut off the revenue of the very gentlemen who are helping to buy them bread and meat and champagne.' He rambled on in this vicious vein, denouncing the chief as a fat-headed until I was really obliged to put on the brakes for fear I would be too late with interview, which was, in fact, a mere monologue, bade him good-night on the stairs, four steps at a time, grabbed a pad surprised at him myself and took particular mind.' 'All right, then,' said the city ed will wake up the town!' My story, as nearlast sheets I had a pleasant premonition a happy frame of mind next morning and usual, so as not to miss any stray congratulations on my big hit. To my astonishment I found the managing editor and at once. 'Here he is!' yelled the city ed mean?' I stammered, scared half out of my wits. 'Why, this fake!' he bawled; 'this blankety blanked fairy story you ran in on us last night!' And he shook the every word I wrote.' "The -- he did!" he screamed; 'why, you infernal fakir, here is Mr. Thompson right now, and he says ment, please,' he said to the others. 'Now, then,' he continued, addressing himself to me, 'will you kindly describe the exact as well as I could, in my rattled condition and he smiled faintly as I concluded my the police are quite interesting,' he added.

JOHN OF KRONSTADT.

Russian Priest Who Is Thought to Have Miraculous Powers.

There are two men in Russia who can

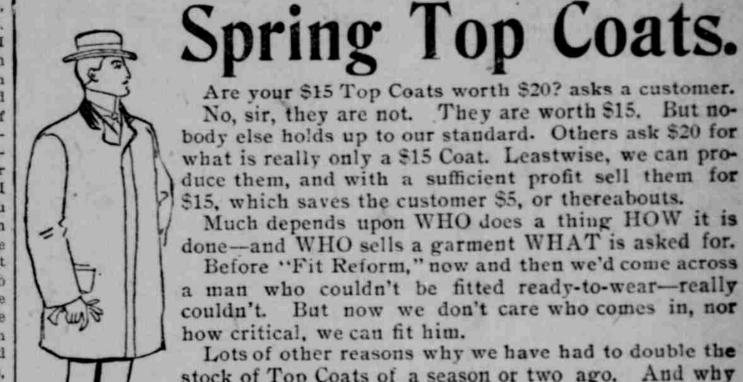
say and do what they please. The heart of the nation is entwined around them. and the government dare not touch them and rather ammoniacal flavor, but not | times, the prey bound wing and foot, is | They are Tolstol and Father Johann. The usually appreciated by foreigners.) Hot ready for removal. She fastened a new people look upon Father Johann as a heal the sick, and many will tell you they own eyes. The old priest is more than walk alone in the crowd that flocks to his side the moment he appears in public. Soidiers walk on either side of him whenever he is seen in the streets and have hard work to keep the crowd from crushing him. When he comes to St. Petersburg his fol-Father Johann lives in Kronstadt, and people of all classes travel thousands of miles that he may heal their diseases. If carcass. Sometimes, with fierce, stinging the sick cannot come themselves their insects she bites them just back of the friends come instead and beseech him to neck so as to paralyze them. It is eyes are supposed to have miraculous power. By looking into people's faces he can read not only their thoughts, but their history, and he advises them about the future with such satisfactory results that their faith in him is un A lady in Switzerland who had a sick sor

heard of Father Johann, and decided that she would go to Kronstadt and ask him to tray for the boy. Friends in St. Petersburg put the matter before the priest and asked whether he thought it would be any use for Mme. M- to come so far. "No," he replied; "let her remain in Swit zerland. God can cure her son there. I wil pray for her, and she need not come." But the lady was not satisfied; she came to Kronstadt, bringing another lady with her as interpreter. They found rooms in his house set apart for people from a distance. Everything was very simple, and the moderate sum of one ruble (two shillings) was charged for the night. At 4 in the morning they were awakened that they might go to the church and join in an early service. Crowds of people were there when they entered, many of them mothers with screaming babies in their arms. A man came forward and tried to quiet them. Father Johann gave him a severe look, and told him that it was he who was causing the disturbance. After the service the two ladies went

back to their home, and presently Father Johann came to them. He listened while the lady who spoke Russian explained their errand. Then he put out both his hands, and, drawing Mme. M-s head toward him, kissed her gently on the forehead. "When two or three are gathered to-gether," he said, solemnly, and then, turncorner of the room, he began to mutter long prayers in a voice that was scarcely audible. ing toward a holy picture that hung in the

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